What is claimed is:

1. A method of managing a virtual private network, the method comprising:

providing a graphical user interface configured to display at least one link for each of a plurality of computers offering virtual private network functions.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the computers comprise extranet switches.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the link comprises an HTTP (HyperText Transfer Protocol) link.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the link comprises a link to information describing users of the virtual private network functions provided by a computer.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the link comprises a link to information describing packet filters provided by the computers offering virtual private network functions.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the link comprises a link to information describing access hours of one of the computers offering virtual private network functions.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising providing a list of the computers offering virtual private network functions in the same display as a link.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein the link displayed corresponds to a computer selected from the list of computers offering virtual private network functions.

9. The method of claim 1, further comprising transmitting an HTTP (HyperText Transfer Protocol) request when a link is selected by a user.

10. A method of managing a virtual private network, the method comprising providing a graphical user interface display that includes:

a list of extranet switches offering virtual private network functions; and

a collection of HTTP links for an extranet switch selected from the list, the links causing transmission of an HTTP request.

11. A computer program product, disposed on a computer readable medium, for managing a virtual private network, the program comprising instructions for causing a processor to:

provide a graphical user interface configured to display at least one link for each of a plurality of computers offering virtual private network functions.

12. The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the computers comprise extranet switches.

13. The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the link comprises an HTTP (HyperText Transfer Protocol) link.

14. The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the link comprises a link to information describing

users of the virtual private network functions provided by a computer.

15. The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the link comprises a link to information describing packet filters provided by the computers offering virtual private network functions.

16. The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the link comprises a link to information describing access hours of one of the computers offering virtual private network functions.

17. The computer program product of claim 1, further comprising instructions for causing the processor to provide a list of the computers offering virtual private network functions in the same display the links.

18. The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the link displayed corresponds to a computer selected from the list of computers offering virtual private network functions.

19. The computer program product of claim 11, further comprising instructions for causing the processor to transmit an HTTP (HyperText Transfer Protocol) request when a link is selected.

20. A computer program product, disposed on a computer readable medium, for managing a virtual private network, the program including instructions for causing a processor to provide a graphical user interface display that includes:

a list of extranet switches offering virtual private network functions; and

a collection of HTTP links for an extranet switch selected from the list, the links causing transmission of an HTTP request.